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SUBJECT:TWO KOREAS AND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. IN ARGUING CASE THAT NORTH KOREA IS JUST AS "ALIGNED"
AS SOUTH KOREA, THERE IS AMPLE RECENT EVIDENCE TO CONCLUDE
THAT BOTH USSR AND PRC 1961 MUTUAL SECURITY TREATIES WITH
NORTH KOREA ARE IN EFFECT. ON AUGUST 15, 30TH ANNIVERSARY
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DATE CELEBRATING "LIBERATION OF KOREA" AT END OF WWII, SOVS ISSUED STATEMENT WHICH REFERRED TO 1961 TREATY AS PRESERVING PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE FAR EAST AND ALSO POINTEDLY STATED THAT NORTH KOREA IS MEMBER OF THE "WORLD SOCIALIST CAMP". RECORDS REVEAL THAT SOVIET MEDIA HAD NEVER BEFORE REFERRED TO 1961 TREATY ON THIS ANNIVERSARY DATE AND NOT SINCE 1967 HAVE SOVS PUBLICLY DESCRIBED NORTH KOREANS AS MEMBERS OF SOCIALIST CAMP.

IN ADDITION, NORTH KOREAN MEDIA REPORTED THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD HELD BANQUET IN PYONGYANG ON ANNIVERSARY DATE OF THE 1961 TREATY.

2. REGARDING THE NORTH KOREAN/PRC TREATY, MEDIA IN BOTH COUNTRIES ISSUED COMMENTS THIS YEAR ON ITS ANNIVERSARY DATE (JULY 11) AND REPORTED THAT BANQUETS WERE HELD IN BOTH CAPITALS TO COMMEMORATE THE EVENT,

3. THUS, IF ASKED BY TUNISIAN MOFA ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF THESE TREATIES, YOU CAN SAY UNEQUIVOCALLY THAT NOT ONLY ARE THEY IN FULL FORCE BUT THAT SOVIETS IN PARTICULAR HAVE MADE A SPECIAL POINT OF REMINDING INTERESTED OBSERVERS THAT NORTH KOREA IS MEMBER OF THE SOCIALIST BLOC AND, BY IMPLICATION, NOT MEMBER OF NON-ALIGNED GROUP. THE NORTH KOREANS BY PARTICIPATING IN CEREMONIAL ANNIVERSARIES OF THE TREATIES HAVE CLEARLY CONFIRMED THEIR CONTINUING VALIDITY. ROBINSON
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